

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of

PAUSTIAN et al.

Serial No.: 09/973,005

Art Unit: 3644

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Examiner: S. Holzen

For: RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF TROOPS AND CARGO

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RESPONSE

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To the Director of Patents and Trademarks Sir:

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In response to the office action dated September 3, 2002, kindly amend the application as follows:

Kindly enter and approve the following, which is a clean copy of each replacement paragraph/section/claim incorporating the respective changes made, previously as well as concurrently, with the concurrent changes shown on separate sheet(s) attached hereto and entitled "Version with markings to show changes made."

No new matter has been added by the amendment(s).

CURRENT VERSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121

In the Claims:

Claims as amended:

1. (Amended) A rapid deployment system comprising an aircraft, at least one inflatable landing tube coupled to the

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